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1. SUMMARY: PAIGC DELEGATION CONFERRED WITH ALGERIAN LEADERS MAY 24 BEFORE FLYING TO LONDON IN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S PRIVATE PLANE. IN ADDITION TO ADVISING PAIGC ON NEGOTIATIONS, GOA IS PROBABLY PROVIDING FINANCIAL AND FACILITATIVE SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. GOA HAS TAKEN ACTIVE ROLE IN ADVISING PAIGC ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH PORTUGUESE. PAIGC DELEGATION TO LONDON TALKS ARRIVED IN ALGIERS MAY 24 AND SPENT DAY
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CONFERRING WITH TOP ALGERIAN LEADERSHIP INCLUDING

PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE, FONMIN BOUTEFLIKA, MINISTER OF INTERIOR MEDEGHRI, MINISTER HIGHER EDUCATION BENYAHIA, AND ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO GUINEA-BISSAU (AND CONAKRY) MESSAOUDI ZITOUNI. ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR IN LONDON LAKHDAR BRAHIMI MAY ALSO HAVE PARTICIPATED. DELEGATION THEN FLEW TO LONDON MAY 25 IN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S PRIVATE PLANE.

3. MEMBERS OF PAIGC DELEGATION, ACCORDING TO ALGERIAN PRESS SERVICE WHICH HAS CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON COVERING NEGOTIATIONS, ARE: CDT. PEDRO PIRES, VICE MINISTER OF ARMED FORCES AND MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; JOSE AROJO, MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; CDT. OMAR DIALLO, VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF STATE AND MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; CDT. LUTIO (OR LUCID) SOARES, MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BOBO KEITA; JULIO SEMEDO, CHIEF OF UN PERMANENT MISSION AND GIL FERNANDES, MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

4. APS CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON REPORTED LATE MAY 25 THAT AT END OF SECOND DAY OF TALKS, NEGOTIATIONS WERE MARKING TIME. PAIGC HAD PRESENTED ITS INITIAL POSITIONS SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND GOP ITS POSITIONS SUNDAY MORNING. LT. COL. BRUNO ALMEIDA REPLACED FONMIN SOARES AT SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION TO DISCUSS MILITARY SITUATION. CORRESPONDENT REFLECTED CONCERN OF PAIGC DELEGATION THAT PORTUGUESE WERE NOT ADDRESSING ITS FUNDAMENTAL DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION OF FULL INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF GUINEA-BISSAU INCLUDING CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, BUT RATHER WERE TALKING ONLY OF CESSATION OF MILITARY HOSTILITIES AND HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS.

5. ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN FLN WEEKLY "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" MAY 25 SAID PAIGC WOULD NOT MAKE SEPARATE PEACE WITH PROTUGAL BUT WOULD INSIYO ON RECOGNITION OF RIGHT OF PEOPLE OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE TO SELF DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AS PART OF ITS NEGOTIATIONS.

6. COMMENT: SCENARIO TO DATE AND TONE OF LOCAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTING SUGGEST THAT ALGERIA IS PLAYING LEADING BEHIND-THE-SCENES ROLE IN ADVISING PAIGC. BASED ON THEIR OWN REVOLUTIONARY EXPERIENCE AND EVIAN NEGOTIATIONS, ALGERIANS ARE PROBABLY ADVISING PAIGC TO STAND FIRM FOR FULL POLITICAL RECOGNITION BEFORE ANY MILITARY CEASEFIRE EVEN IF IT MEANS BREAKING OFF TALKS FOR AWHILE; IN OTHER WORDS, TALK AND FIGHT AT SAME TIME. WE ALSO SUSPECT THAT GOA WILL CONTINUE

AND PERHAPS EVEN INCREASE ITS FINANCIAL AND FACILITATIVE SUPPORT TO PAIGC DURING NEGOTIATING PERIOD.
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